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Capital Planning Minutes 09-11-2001

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (CPC)

MEETING MEMORANDUM

September 11, 2001

In attendance were:

> *   Steve Andrews
>   John Bilafer
>   David Kale
>   John FitzMaurice
>   Charles T. Foskett, Chairman
>   Nancy T. Galkowski
> *   Anthony T. Lionetta
> *   A. L. Minervini
>   Barbara Thornton

Not in attendance: *

Minutes: August 8, 2001

On a motion by J. Bilafer, seconded by J. FitzMaurice the minutes of August 8, 2001 were unanimously approved.

Election of Officers

N. Galkowski acted as Chair Pro Temp for the election of officers.
On a motion by J. Bilafer, seconded by J. FitzMaurice, Charlie Foskett was unanimously approved as Chair.
On a motion by J. FitzMaurice, seconded by J. Bilafer, Steve Andrew was unanimously approved as Vice Chair.
On a motion by J. Bilafer, seconded by J. FitzMaurice, Tony Lionetta was unanimously approved as Secretary.
C. Foskett assumed chairing the committee.

Review of Prior Years Capital Report

- Committee members reviewed last year's capital report.
- After considerable discussion it was determined to clarify the Bond Limit Model to become more understandable to Town Meeting Members.
- The Capital Report should include information of the Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion projects and other projects funded outside the capital process, such as Reed's Brook and Peirce Field.
- The report from A. Minervini on the status of prior years appropriations will be requested.
- The reimbursement for Ottoson School will not be increased until at least 2004 due to a backlog of audits at the Department of Education.

Sub-Committee Structure

It was moved by C. Foskett and seconded by J. Bilafer and unanimously voted to accept the subcommittee structure as follows:
Public Works
      T. Lionetta

J. Bilafer
Administration
     J. FitzMaurice
A.   Minervini
     Finance
       C. Foskett
       S. Andrew
       N. Galkowski
Community Safety
       B. Thornton
       D. Kale

Special Town Meeting: October 1, 2001
The Committee reviewed the warrant articles which could impact the Capital Planning Process.
Article 2: Symmes Acquisition
C. Foskett indicated that it would probably be after November 1 before a purchase and sale agreement could be presented to Town Meeting for action.
Article 3: Community Preservation Act
C. Foskett discussed the Community Preservation Act as it was presented to the Finance Committee at their meeting and through his review of the material. Committee members expressed concern with the acceptance of this Act. It was moved by J. Bilafer, seconded by B. Thornton and unanimously approved to have C. Foskett prepare a response indicating the debt burden of the Town over the next several years and to e-mail that to the committee members prior to the September 25th meeting for their action at that time.
Article 4 Antenna Fund
The Town Manager proposes to request that the Town Meeting appropriate the Antenna Fund money in the amount of $107,000 for the renovation of the Hardy School Playground. The remaining money could by used by the Capital Planning Committee for park or playground appropriations. If a specific project must be identified the committee recommended either $37,000 for Robbins Farm or for Spy Pond Field. The appropriate mechanism for this will be reviewed with A. Minervini.
J. Bilafer moved, B. Thornton seconded and it was unanimously approved that the committee supports this proposal.

School Building Status
D. Kale, Chief Financial Officer for the Arlington Schools, updated the committee on the status of the Elementary School renovation projects. Peirce School is demolished and construction on the new building should begin next week. The Superintendent is looking at ways to reduce the cost projections of the remaining three schools. Current estimates are that the projects will be $10 million to $15 million over projections.

Next Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2001 at 4PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.